

Don Porter Resigns THS Coaching Post

Seven years of service to the Torrance Unified School District apparently have come to an end for Don Porter, Varsity football coach at Torrance High School, who announced recently he has sent a letter of resignation to the Board of Education.

Porter, who had gained tenure in the district and coached one of the few championship teams at THS in recent years, will take over an assistant football coaching assignment at Rosemead High School. The position is effective in September.

His resignation letter was sent to officials last week and official action is expected to be taken by the board tomorrow night.

He gave no reason for resigning his post, but it was clear recent hassles between coaches of the two local high schools and administrators played a large part in the decision. Recently school officials okayed plans to cut the Torrance High football schedule from nine to eight games for the coming season in an effort to de-emphasize sports here.

Coaches from both Torrance and the new North High School met with Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull to hash over grievances of the mentors recently, but no definite concessions were made by either side.

Another bone of contention between coaches and officials has been the fact that Torrance coaches do not get extra pay for handling a sport after class hours as is true in most other school districts.

The flare-up subsided just as quickly as it arose, with both administrators and coaches apparently convinced nothing could be done about the requirements.

A graduate of George Washington High in Los Angeles where he was an All Southern League lineman, Porter guided the THS Bee grid team to the



DON PORTER
... Off to Rosemead

Bay League title in 1954. Last year he got the Varsity coaching job after veteran mentor Cliff Graybehl was given the head coaching job at North High School. Porter's 1955 Tartar Varsity was sadly short of material and won but one game during the season.

Porter also coached D. C. B and Jayvee basketball during his term here. He also served as assistant track coach during the past two years.

At Compton College in 1943, Don was a first team tackle on a squad that was ranked second among the nation's junior college elevens.

He went out for football while attending George Pepperdine College, but a knee injury ended his grid career. He then took up shot-putting for the Wave

TORRANCE NINE SHUTOUT, 8-0 Track Prelims Re-Scheduled

League Track Meets Re-set For Tomorrow

Just enough rain dropped Wednesday and Thursday to wash out the two big prep spike meets at Inglewood and Culver City Friday, with the two league preliminary meets re-scheduled for tomorrow at the same places.

Bay League preliminaries, which will find Torrance's Tartars in the thick of the fight to send representatives to the league finals on Friday, are set for 1:30 p.m. at Inglewood.

North High spikers will go to Culver City for their date with other Pioneer League schools for that loop's prelims. Time for the first event there will be 1:30 p.m. also.

Saxons Travel for Game With Cougars

Coach Del Nuzum's North High nine travels to Hawthorne tomorrow for a Pioneer League game with the Cougars. First pitch files plateward at 3 p.m.

track teams. He was graduated from Pepperdine in 1949.

He will continue to serve out the school year here before putting his house up for sale. He and his family live at 1017 Kornblum Ave.

Porter is a veteran of service with the Air Force. He will also have a track coaching assignment at Rosemead, which is a member of the Pacific League.



APRIL 30, 1956 TORRANCE HERALD Five

Samohi Hurler In One-Hitter

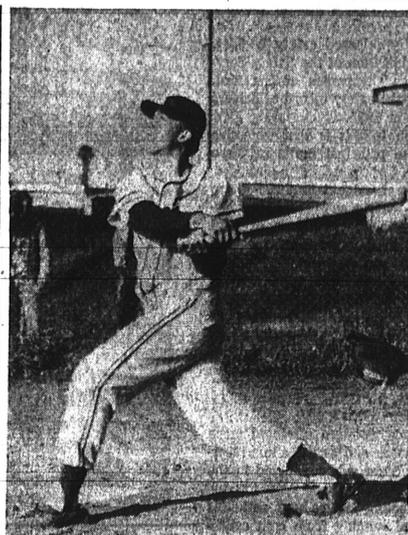
Santa Monica's Bob Bahn tossed a neat one-hit, 8-0, shutout at the Tartars Friday in a hastily re-set game on the winners' diamond. The Bay League contest was rained out Thursday.

Torrance catcher Bob Grajeda was the only Tartar to get a safety off Bahn and there was some question as to whether that blow was a hit, or an error by Samohi outfielder Bill Lillard. Lillard raced to left-center and got his glove on Grajeda's fourth inning blast but couldn't hold it. It went for a double.

Tomorrow the locals host Redondo in a 3 p.m. Bay go at Torrance Park. Santa Monica tied into Bob Clifford, Tartar southpaw, in the second inning and before the frame was over the Vikings had scored five times. Jess Hanon and Paul Moir were called in to pitch for Torrance before the inning was over, with Moir finally retiring the side.

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Clifford, Hanon, Moir, Mills and Grajeda; Bahn and Ochoa. LP: Clifford.

Big blow of the inning was Mel Bennett's booming home run. The Vikes got one more in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. Singles by Bennett and Bahn, a sacrifice and a force play brought home the fourth inning tally, while three straight Tartar errors gave the Samohi crew their fifth inning run. The winners got their final score in the sixth on singles by Bahn and Lillard and two walks.



NEW POSITION ... Ernie Thomsen, Saxon Varsity mainstay, has been switched from outfield to third base by Coach Del Nuzum in hope to steady down shaky infield. Shown here popping up against El Segundo last week. Thomsen is only a freshman. He'll open at third tomorrow when the Saxons travel to Hawthorne for a 3 p.m. Pioneer League game.

Tartar Sextet Fires 285 Round At Riviera CC

Coach Joe Stuart's Tartar golfers tackled the rough Riviera Country Club course Friday and posted a nine-hole aggregate of 285 in blasting Santa Monica in a Bay League match. The Vikes posted a 316.

Scores were a bit higher because of the wet condition of the course and the extreme distances at the top-rated Riviera layout. Denny Stewart, who was about to join the Army and then did an about face to stay a civilian, rejoined the Tartars and shot a best of 43.

Ferry Murphy had a 45 for the Tartars, while Jerry Thomsen, 48, Doug Mills, 49, and Ron Hase and Bruce Bielefeld, each with a 50, were the other Torrance golfers in the league match.

Today the locals meet Redondo at Balboa Vardos in another Bay match. The two schools haven't met yet in league competition, since their scheduled opener earlier this month was rained out.

Stuart said Saturday he had heard nothing new on the cheating situation that was brought up in last Monday's Tartar-Leuzinger match. The two sextets were fighting it out for the league lead when one of the Leuzingers players changed his card to give his team a one stroke win over the locals, instead of a two stroke loss. Stuart said. He said the matter probably will be turned over to a board of Bay League coaches for disposition.

Little Loops Launch Play

The Pirates and Dodgers, second half of a double bill that square off Saturday at 3 p.m. will see the Braves and Cards in the first game of the American Little League season, in the National Little League opener.



MEXICAN MONSTERS ... Paul Smith (left) and Walt Gilliard, local anglers, came in with this big haul of Mexican Tautouva fish during a recent outing to San Felipe below the border. Sprawled on ground is catch of corvina, which also is abundant fish in the Mexican waters. Big hauls have attracted many local anglers to south of the border waters to try their luck.

Narbonne Sports Banquet To Fete Spring Athletes

Narbonne High's big Spring Athletic Banquet has been set for May 31 at 4 p.m. Herbert E. Morey, NHS principal, said last week.

Beginning with the junior high track meet at 4 p.m., the activities preceding the banquet will include father and son athletic competition on the Narbonne field. At 6 p.m. fathers and sons will sit down to a picnic-type dinner in the patio. Awards will be given to Narbonne's spring sport participants following dinner, in the auditorium. Some outstanding guests from the athletic world will be present for the auditorium program, Morey said.

Tickets are priced at \$1.75 for father and son and may be purchased from any of the coaches at the NHS Athletic office.

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